I.6 Title and statement of responsibility

I.6.1. Applicable rules

Several rules need to be consulted for proper transcription of title data for online integrating resources. General rules for transcription of the title field for all types of integrating resources are covered in AACR2 rules 12.1B-12.1F. Changes in this area are covered in AACR2 12.7B4-12.7B8. Catalogers will also need to refer to AACR2 9.1B-9.1F for specific rules about electronic resources. If the resource consists predominantly of a type of material covered by another chapter in AACR2, then the -.1B-.1G rules for that chapter should also be consulted (e.g., for cartographic resources, check 3.1B-3.1F; for sound resources, check 6.1B-6.1G). All chapters in AACR2 also refer back to the relevant rules in section 1.1B-1.1F.

I.6.2 Rules to note when transcribing title and statement of responsibility

I.6.2.1 AACR2 Rule 1.1.B1

Words that serve as an introduction and are not intended to be part of the title are omitted from the title proper, but are given in a note (MARC field 246).

Example: Introductory Words not Considered Part of the Title Proper

245 00   NASA quest $h [electronic resource].
246 1 $i Title appears on homepage as: $a Welcome to NASA quest

The LCRI for this rule instructs catalogers to use judgment in applying this rule--looking at other sources in the resource and consider presentation, typography, etc. In case of doubt, give the title with introductory wording in the MARC field 245 and include a MARC field 246 for the shorter form of the title, omitting introductory information.

I.6.2.2 AACR2 Rule 12.1B1

Obvious typographical errors on a resource may be corrected when transcribing the title. The incorrect title is given in a note (246). In case of doubt if the spelling of the word is an error, transcribe the spelling as found on the resource.

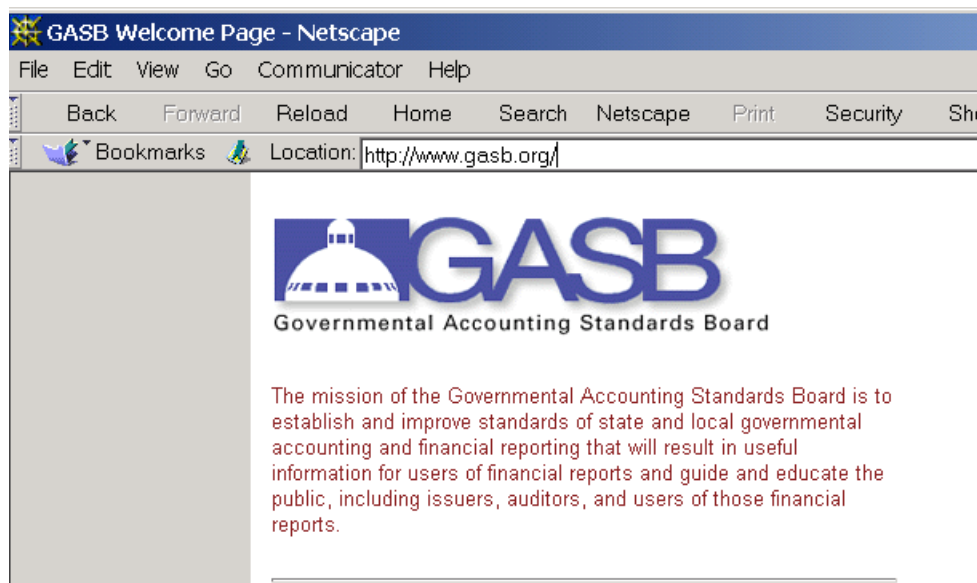Examples:
245 00 $ a Housing starts $h [electronic resource].
246 1_ $ i Title on homepage, viewed Dec. 15, 2001 appears as: $a Housing sarts
but
245 00 $a Band connexion $h [electronic resource].
246 3_ $a Band connection   *(Optional title added entry may be supplied if cataloger believes users might reasonably search for this spelling)*

I.6.2.3 AACR2 Rule 12.1B2

When the title appears in full form and in an acronym or initialism on the chief source, choose the full form as the title proper. AACR2 rule 12.1E1 instructs catalogers to transcribe the acronym or initialism as other title information for serials, but does not specifically require this for integrating resources. PCC recommendation is to include the acronym/ initialism as other title information and to make an added entry for the acronym. [OK? actually my recommendation--do we need to suggest an RI here?]

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Example:
245 00  $a Governmental Accounting Standards Board $h [electronic resource] :
        $b GASB.
246 3_  $a GASB
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I.6.2.4 AACR2 Rule 12.1B4

This rule deals with common titles and section titles and the proper way to transcribe them. LCRI 12.4B4 warns catalogers that for most updating electronic resources, what is appears at first glance to be a common title, may in fact be a statement of responsibility, the name of the parent resource, or another component of the resource. In case of doubt, do not consider a questionable element to be a common title.

I.6.2.5 AACR2 Rule 12.1B8b

If any information in the title proper changes on subsequent iterations, the MARC 245 field must be changed to reflect the current iteration, and the earlier title should be given in a note (MACR 247 field). See also *I.14.3.3.*

I.6.2.6 AACR2 Rules 12.1D1 and 12.1D3

Parallel titles and other title information are recorded as for any other type of material. If a parallel title is added, deleted, or changed on a subsequent iteration, then the MARC field 245 must be changed to reflect the current iteration. Any earlier parallel titles may be given in a note (246), if considered to be important. See also *I.14.3.4.*

I.6.2.7 AACR2 Rules 12.1E 1 and 12.1E2

Other title information on an integrating resource is transcribed if considered to be important. Because of the dynamic nature of this material, judicious use of the MARC 245 subfield $b is recommended, to avoid the need for excessive changes to the cataloging record. Other title information that consists solely of words relating to the currency of the contents is always omitted.

Examples of other title information that might be considered important to transcribe are:

- terms that help clarify or amplify the scope of a "weak" or "generic" title
- good descriptive terms that might prove useful in keyword searches
- stable information that is unlikely to change as resource grows and changes

For print integrating resources (i.e., looseleafs), other title information will commonly be transcribed in the 245 subfield $b.

If other title information is recorded in the MARC field 245 and that information changes on later iterations, then the title in MARC field 245 must be changed to reflect the latest iteration, and a note (MARC field 246) about the change is made, if considered to be important. See also I.14.3.4.

I.6.2.8 AACR2 Rules 12.1.F

Statements of responsibility which appear prominently on an integrating resource are generally transcribed as they would be for other types of material. The one exception is that if the statement of responsibility is transcribed as part of the title proper or other title information, no further statement of responsibility is made unless such a statement also appears separately on the chief source of information.

For integrating resources, information about editors is recorded in MARC field 245 subfield $c if considered to be important. Otherwise it may be omitted.   Note that, for print integrating resources, the editor is generally considered to be important. Catalogers should refer to LCRI 1.1F1 for guidance on editorial functions that are not considered bibliographically significant and can be omitted.

For changes in statements of responsibility see *I.14.3.5*.

I.6.3 Discussion points

I.6.3.1 Proper use of MARC 245, 246, and 247 fields

For integrating resources, the title presented on the current iteration is always given as the title proper, in the MARC 245 field. All variant titles are recorded in the MARC 246 field. The MARC 247 field is used only to record the **title proper** from an earlier iteration.

Per LCRI 12.7B4.1, if the title has changed since the previous iteration, transcribe the former title in the MARC 247 field, using the subfield $f to indicate the range of dates that the former title was used.

If titles other than the title proper have changed, use the 246 with appropriate indicators or the subfield $i to provide note information that cannot be coded using the available indicators.

I.6.3.2 Notes for earlier iterations

Both the MARC 246 and MARC 247 fields serve double purposes. They serve as access points and notes in the record. Thus, in many cases, when AACR2 instructs the cataloger to make notes about titles, they are not be recorded in a MARC 5XX field, but in either a MARC 246 and/or MARC 247 field.

Example: *Looseleaf*

100 1_ $a Schnapf, Lawrence P.
245 10 $a Managing environmental liability :$b business transactions and
               Brownfield redevelopment / $c Lawrence P. Schnapf.
246 0_ $i Subtitle, 1997-2000: $a Law & strategy for businesses and
               corporations
246 0_ $i Subtitle, 1998-2001: $a Managing environmental risks in
               corporate/real estate transactions and Brownfield redevelopment
247 10 $a Environmental liability $f 1990-2001

Example: *Electronic resource*

Initial bibliographic record
110 2_ $a Association of American Economics.
245 10 $a Membership directory of the Association of American Economics $h
               [electronic resource].
500 __ $a Title from HTML header (viewed on June 16, 1998).

Record after notification of changes on August 30, 2000
110 2_ $a Association of American Economics.
245 10 $a Association of American Economics online directory of members $h
               [electronic resource]
247 10 $a Membership directory of the Association of American Economics $f
               <June 16, 1998>
500 __ $a Title from HTML header (viewed on Aug. 30, 2000).

For complex situations, where the note cannot be succinctly constructed using a MARC 246 or MARC 247 field, catalogers may use the MARC 547 field(s) to present a complex former title note. Following LCRI 12.17B4.2, do not give a MARC 547 field simply because there are multiple MARC 247 fields.

See also I.14.3.3-5.